

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The present invention is directed to a high speed dubbing apparatus.

Independent claim 1 identifies the uniquely distinct features "a first sum is less than both a second sum and a third sum, the first sum is a sum of: a time required for the first buffer to output the bit stream stored in the first buffer, a time required for the navigation pack generator to replace the real-time data information pack with the navigation pack, and a time required for the second buffer to store the resultant bit stream, the second sum is a sum of: a time required for the read section to read the bit stream from the first storage device, a time required for the read section to analyze the readout bit stream, and a time required for the first buffer to store the readout bit stream, and the third sum is a sum of: a time required for the second buffer to output the bit stream stored in the second buffer, a time required for the write section to convert the bit stream output from the second buffer, and a time required for the write section to write the converted bit stream in the second storage device". Independent claim 21 identifies the uniquely distinct features "a buffer checking unit for measuring the capacity of a cache memory included in the first storage device by performing reading from the first storage device, for measuring the capacity of a cache memory included in the second storage device by performing writing in the second storage device, and for outputting a smaller one of obtained measurement results, wherein the capacity of the buffer is changed to a capacity indicated by the measurement result, and the read section and the write

section operate in parallel." The closest prior arts, Shimizu et al. (US 2003/0152372) and Fukuchi (US 7,057,986) disclose the conventional high speed dubbing apparatus, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above underlined limitations obvious.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAT CHI CHIO whose telephone number is (571)272-9563. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST.

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